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Electric Power, whether it's generation, transmission or distribution, accounted for 85% of the workers employed by the Utilities sector. Furthermore, 90% of the payroll was dispensed to Electric Power workers, who realized an 11% rise in pay even though employment fell 7% from 1997 to 2002.

The fastest growing subsector in Utilities is Water, Sewage and Other Systems. Total employment rose 23%, payroll 29% and the number of establishments increased 19%. From 1997 to 2002, 8 new water supply and irrigation systems and 3 new sewage treatment facilities became operational.

Natural Gas Distribution, the third subsector in Utilities, accounts for 9% of employment and 6% of payroll. No new Natural Gas Distribution establishments were added in the five-year time period, remaining at 27.

The Utilities sector (sector 22) comprises establishments engaged in the provision of the following utility services: electric power, natural gas, steam supply, water supply, and sewage removal. Within this sector, the specific activities associated with the utility services provided vary by utility: electric power includes generation, transmission, and distribution; natural gas includes distribution; steam supply includes provision and/or distribution; water supply includes treatment and distribution; and sewage removal includes collection, treatment, and disposal of waste through sewer systems and sewage treatment facilities. Data for the Utilities sector are available at the state and metropolitan and micropolitan area level only.

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